13th March 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

British Science Week

This week we enjoyed celebrating British Science Week across the school. On Tuesday, Miss Honnor led a special assembly that encouraged the children to think like scientists. It was wonderful to see them showing such great curiosity (the theme of this year), asking thoughtful questions and sharing their ideas. Throughout the week, children across the school have also been taking part in a range of exciting experiments and investigations in their classrooms, exploring scientific ideas through hands-on learning.

If you are interested in trying out some experiments at home, please look at the ideas within the primary school resource packs attached here:

Early Years Pack

Primary Pack

Year of Reading

Our Surprise Readers have been visiting classrooms throughout the week, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you to everyone who gave their time to share a story and help make reading even more special.

As part of the National Year of Reading, we encourage families to keep celebrating reading at home too. This could be as simple as sharing a bedtime story, visiting the local library, letting your child see you reading, or taking time to talk about books together. Even a few minutes of reading each day can help nurture a lifelong love of books.

Inclusion

This week a number of our staff attended autism training, continuing our commitment to developing inclusive practice across the school. Ongoing professional development such as this helps staff

deepen their understanding and equips them with strategies to better support children with a range of needs. Our aim is to ensure that every child feels understood, supported and able to thrive in our school community.

A Happy Face

The Merry Hill Way remains at the heart of our school community, and it has been lovely to see the children consistently living out our expectations in all areas of school life. Their kindness, respect and consideration for one another continue to make us proud.

Team points:

EYFS: We wait to speak if someone is speaking
KS1: We do not interrupt when someone is talking and indicate if we wish to speak

A Learning Place

Year Group Blogs

Each week the class teachers post blogs, which enable you to find out more about our education offer and reinforce learning at home. Please click on the link below to find out more:

https://merryhill.org.uk/our-learning-community/year-group-blogs/

A Growing Space

A little note for families: please try not to read this section until after Sunday so your gift remains a surprise! We wish all our wonderful mums, grandparents and carers a very Happy Mother's Day.

Mother's Day Creation Station

Thank you to Carpender's Park Nursery for providing the beautiful flowers for the children to plant. They were so excited to plant their own little gift; it was wonderful to see so many smiling faces! If you would still like to make a £3 contribution, you can do so via:

Scopay under 'Products – Mother's Day Creation Station'

- Bank transfer to: Friends of Merry Hill School, Sort Code: 40-15-23
- Account Number: 01395696

A special thank you to our FoMH team for their continued hard work supporting our school and wider community. We are very grateful to you all.

Primrose Care Guide

- Best planted **outdoors in partial shade**
- Keep the **soil moist**, especially in warmer weather
- **Deadhead old flowers** to encourage new blooms
- Replant in the **garden or a larger pot** over time to help them grow year after year

We are also looking forward to seeing many of you at the **Rocksteady concert this afternoon** – it promises to be a fantastic event.

Warm regards,

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